

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings:

The Bridgeport Department of Health and Social Services (BDHSS) is committed to promote, prevent and protect the health of all residents of the City of Bridgeport. We accomplish this through providing essential public health and social services, including monitoring the health status of the population, enforcement of laws and ordinances, providing education and training, as well as services for the social- and economically disadvantaged. We encourage, support and collaborate with other city departments, local health agencies and community stakeholders to improve the health outcomes and quality of life of our citizens. We aim to provide both thoughtful and professional service in the work we administer, and we are dedicated to ensuring that the health of the Bridgeport community thrives.

Sincerely,  
Maritza Bond, MPH  
Health Director



### **Vision:**

**To be a valued leader, partner and service provider building a healthier community.**

### **Mission:**

**To protect and promote the health and wellbeing of all Bridgeport residents.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION BDHSS

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Environmental Health	203-576-7474	999 Broad Street
Housing Code and Commercial Enforcement	203-576-7072	999 Broad Street
Lighthouse Programs	203-576-7252	45 Lyon Terrace
Lead Poisoning Prevent Program	203-576-7131	999 Broad Street
Social Services	203-576-7416	752 E. Main Street
Veteran Affairs Office	203-257-8338	752 E. Mains Street
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## BRIDGEPORT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE



**Promote, Prevent, Protect**

<http://www.bridgeportct.gov/health>

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# BDHSS SERVICES

## Health Administration:

- Manage the Bridgeport Department of Health and Social Services.
- Issue and enforce orders to protect the health and safety of the general public.
- Partner and collaborate with community partners to improve health outcomes and quality of life.
- Provide health education training and materials to Bridgeport's residents.

## The Communicable Disease Clinic:

- Report disease and epidemiological investigations results to the Connecticut Department of Public Health.
- Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic with testing.
- Full service STD clinic three times per week .
- Provide vaccines required for school and international travel.

## Environmental Health:

- Enforce state and local ordinances to protect the health of the general public.
- Inspect and license restaurants, food establishments, tobacco retailers, swimming pools, barber and beauty shops, nails salons and child care facilities.
- Provide Food Handlers and Advanced Qualified Food Operator certification courses.
- Educate public on matters of environmental and health concerns.

## Housing Code:

- Enforce state and local ordinances to protect and ensure safe, clean and habitable housing.
- License all legal rooming houses and hotels.
- Inspect and issue Certificates of Occupancy (COA) for all apartment buildings with 3 or more units.
- Investigate housing complaints involving insects, rodents, mold, mildew, no heat or hot water.
- Educate property owners, tenants and community members on Healthy Homes principles

## Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:

- Provide lead screenings to children age six or under.
- Manage, counsel and relocate families with lead poisoned children.
- Identify, eliminate and reduce lead hazards in structures built prior to 1978.
- Provide referrals for financial assistance to abate lead hazards.
- Educate property owners, parents, and community members about the dangers of lead exposure.

## Lighthouse Program:

- Provide quality after-school programming and summer camps in Bridgeport schools and community centers.
- Provide year-round employment opportunity for youths in Bridgeport.
- Partner and collaborate with community partners to provide a wide range of youth programs.
- Develop Bridgeport's bi-annual Youth Program Guide.

## Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

- Plans, coordinates, tests, and evaluates the City's response to all emergencies and disasters.
- Recruit, train, and manage medical and non-medical volunteers to assist with local and regional public health emergencies.
- Educates city employees, volunteers and community members about preparing for emergencies and disasters.

## Social Services:

- Provide case management to special populations, such as young mothers, persons with disabilities, veterans, seniors and their families.
- Assist families facing housing-related hardship to regain stability by providing emergency rental and/or utility assistance.
- Provide emergency relocation services for city residents whose residences have been deemed unfit or unhealthy for human habitation. Referrals are accepted from health and fire departments.
- Work in collaboration with Open Door of Fairfield to assess and link homeless residents to services.
- Host East Side Farmers Market, every Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm, from mid July to late October.

## Vital Statistics:

- Maintain records of all births, marriages and deaths in the city.
- Issues marriage licenses, in accordance with the provisions of state law.
- Provide certified copies of all records available.
- Provide notary services for a statutory fee.

## BDHSS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Bridgeport Food Policy Council

works to improve access and availability of nutritious food at an affordable prices for all residents. Meeting are held every third Wednesday at the Margaret Morton Center at 6 pm.



**Primary Care Action Group (PCAG)** is a coalition of local health professionals who meet monthly to improve the health of those living in the Greater Bridgeport Region.

**Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative (BFMC)** provides fresh fruits and vegetables at seven sites in Bridgeport from mid June to late October.



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FARMERS MARKET  
COLLABORATIVE



**Get Healthy CT** is a local coalition committed to promoting healthy lifestyles by removing barriers to healthy eating and physical activity.  
[www.gethealthyct.org](http://www.gethealthyct.org)